

HEALTH EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW-COST, TIMELY HEALTHCARE (HEALTH) ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Donald E. Powell, Chairman, FDIC.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEED FOR BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the Need for Bankruptcy Reform legislation and H.R. 975, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Lawrence A. Friedman, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Transportation Research, Development and Education Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ellen Engleman, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration; Annette Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; J. Richard Capka, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Robert Jamison, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; and Marilena Amoni, Assistant Administrator, Traffic Safety Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Wesley Lum, Chief, Office of National Liaison, Division of Research and Innovation, Department of Transportation, State of California; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC GROWTH PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Economic Growth Proposals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

Department of the Treasury: John W. Snow, Secretary; Pamela F. Olson, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy; and Richard H. Clarida, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for operations intelligence, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation energy and water development programs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of enhanced 911 (E-911) services for wireless phones, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Trade Agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed briefing to examine Turkish aid negotiations and developments in Northern Iraq, 10:30 a.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Convention Between the Government of the United States Of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains, signed at London on July 24, 2001, together with an Exchange of Notes, as amended by the Protocol signed at Washington on July 19, 2002 (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 107-19), the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States Of America and the Government of Australia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Canberra on September 27, 2001 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 107-20), and the Second Additional Protocol that Modifies the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Mexico City on November 26, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 108-03), 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the

United States Postal Service, the nominations of Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, and Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004 for Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the asbestos litigation crisis, 2 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force Construction, 10 a.m., and on Quality of Life, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 444, Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003; and H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Comprehensive National Energy Policy," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "The Effectiveness of Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Programs," 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on housing related agency budgets for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 758 and H.R. 859, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources hearing on "ONDCP Reauthorization and the National Drug Control Strategy for 2003," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 192, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistant programs under those Acts; H.R. 441, to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland; H.R. 868, to amend section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995, to require that certain claims for expropriation by the Government of Nicaragua meet certain requirements for purposes of the prohibition on foreign assistance to that government; H. Res. 109, urging passage of a resolution addressing human rights abuses in North Korea at the 59th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and calling on the Government of North Korea to respect and protect the human rights of its citizens; H. Con. Res. 57, supporting the goals of International Women's Day; H. Con. Res. 26, condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights; and a resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic rescue of Bulgarian Jews from Holocaust and commending the Bulgarian people for preserving and continuing their tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to meet for organizational purposes; followed by a hearing on The Path to a Hydrogen Economy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Small Business Access and Alternatives to Health Care," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Independent Peer Review of Products that Support Agency Decision-Making, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on the Administration's Economic Growth Proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.